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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION REGARDING LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO U.S.

1. MEXICO CITY PRESS (EL NACIONAL AND EL UNIVERSAL) CARRIED UPI STORY DATEDILED WASHINGTON, JANUARY 4 TO THE EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO WOULD SOON VISIT THE UNITED STATES FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. STORY, WHICH IS ATTRIBUTED TO "GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS," INDICATES THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO WILL VISIT WASHINGTON SOMETIME DURING FIRST MONTH OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THEREBY BECOMING FIRST FOREIGN LEADER TO MEET WITH CARTER.

2. SEPARATE BUT OBVIOUSLY RELATED UPI STORY PUBLISHED JANUARY 5 IN EL HERALDO CITES BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN ARTICLE AS STATING THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO BE THE FIRST FOREIGN LEADER TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HERALD AMERICAN STORY IDENTIFIES MEXICAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING LOPEZ PORTILLO'S ACCEPTANCE OF ALLEGED CARTER INVITATION. THE HERALD GOES ON TO SPECULATE THAT

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CARTER INVITATION WAS PROFFERED BY MRS. CARTER WHILE SHE WAS IN MEXICO TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT-ELECT AT LOPEZ PORTILLO INAUGURATION. STORY ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC PROTOCO, FORMAL INVITATION TO LOPEZ PORTILLO TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE EXTENDED AFTER PRESIDENT'S INAUGURATION ON JANUARY 20.

3. ALL THREE STORIES STATE THAT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON DURING THE FIRST MONTHS OF THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION, ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION IS VARIOUSLY ATTRIBUTED TO "CARTER ADVISORS" (HERALD VERSION) OR TO "LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" (NACIONAL AND UNIVERSAL).

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE CONCERNING SOURCE AND SUBSTANCE OF PRESS REPORTS AS CARRIED IN MEXICO CITY PRESS.

5. IF SUCH A JLP VISIT IS IN THE CARDS, AN ANNOUNCEMENT DURING MRS. JLP'S VISIT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE.

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